THE BOARD OF TRADE

A Special Meeting Held for the Transaction of Important Business Yesterday.

THE WATER QUESTION.

Engineer McIntire Addresses the Board and Gives Sensible Views as to Priority Claims and the Ouestion in General.

A special meeting of the board of trade was held at Masonic hall yesterday afternoon for the discussion of several importmatters. Those present at the meeting were: President A. J. Davidson, A. M. Holter, R. C. Wallace, H. M. Parchen, Chas. D. Curtis, D. W. Fisk, E. W. Knight, John S. Harris, James P. Porter, C. K. Cole, A. M. Esler and Major Robt. C. Walker, secretary. The first matter to come up was the discussion of freight rates. The object of the board is to promote a jobbing trade out of Helena, and to accomplish this purpose a change in freight rates will be essentially necessary. In first place it will necessary to increase the rates from St. Paul and other eastern points into Helena, which would be acceded to by Helena business men if the railroads will

Helena, which would be acceded to by Helena business men if the railroads will in turn reduce the rates within a radius of 150 miles of this place; or else leave the rates from the east as they are and cut down the local charges, which would be more acceptable. As the situation stands Helena cannot supply tributary towns with merchandise and machinery at a rate to compete with eastern firms. An effort will be made to have Helena the great jobbing center of the territory, and this can only be accomplished by a change in railroad freight rates. The matter was disposed of by the appointment of a committee to confer with the railroad officials and report at the next meeting. The members of the committee are A. M. Holter, A. J. Davidson, H. M. Parchen, R. C. Wallace and Henry Klein.

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The principal object of the meeting was to take ender consideration needed changes in the present laws of the territory and to present the same to the legislature. Mr. Helter referred first to the storage of water law, in which something should be done relative to the encouragement of irrigation. Mr. McIntyre, who was present and who is thoroughly conversant with the subject was called upon to express his views to the board. Mr. McIntyre said: "The first thing for consideration is to know what legislation is needed. On the eastern slope of the territory, as you are aware, the agricultural districts are entirely dependent upon an irrigation system for their crops. The laws of the territory covering irrigation, so far as they go are not but there is no systematized such as they have in Colorado, California, Utah and other places. The very liberal law has been enacted for the right of way for ditches and canals, but the work was stopped there, except it provides further that the county commissioners shall regulate the price to be charged by canal companies to farmers LEGISLATIVE MATTERS. except it provides further that the county commissioners shall regulate the price to be charged by canal companies to farmers for the use of water; the matter has been left entirely to their discretion and no appeal from this course has ever been taken on the subject. Eastern companies and capitalists, upon seeing or learning of this state of affairs, will not invest their money in irrigation enterprises where their business is to be regulated by county commissioners. No company, under these existing circumstances, would invest their money. Again, in this law the right-of-way for reservoirs has not been included; the law does not define the boundaries, even for reservoirs, and for the same reason capitalists will not invest where they cannot procure sites from the territory.

Another point of interest would be to instruct the legislature for the encouragement of this enterprise, to have irrigation companies released from taxation for a number of years. As to the consumers, they have no provity of water rights. companies released from taxation for a number of years. As to the consumers, they have no priority of water rights. As an example, suppose fifty locators have claims at the head of a ditch; those below would be compelled to go to law to gain a supply of water from those above, which would cause great expense to poor farmers who, as a general rule, cannot afford to go to law, and as you know they very seldom do; instead they frequently resort to force to maintain their rights which often results disastrously. This trouble could easily be obviated by the appointment of a board of directors, as is done in Colorado and California, which shall have authority to state the amount of water each claimant is entitled to. In this way the law will not have to be resorted to and as a rule it gives general satisfaction. Of coure patrons may appeal from the decision of the board. It seems to me a general emigration act should be passed in the legislature, something like the laws in the states I have mentioned. Such an action would greatly increase the farming industry and redound in general good for the welfare of the territory.

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TO REMOVE THE PORT OF ENTRY. Mr. Meyendorff said he recently wrote to Delegate Toole inquiring if an office creat-ing an assistant collector of customs, that ing an assistant collector of customs, that local merchants might import goods direct and do away with the necessity of having merchandise first shipped to Fort Benton, the present port. Delegate Toole said he heartly endorsed the plan, but thought it too late in the session to have anything done on this subject. The speaker thought the port should be changed to this city, as Helena is properly adapted by reason of its central location to the largest commercial districts for such a port, and he knew the transfer was desired if it could be accomplished.

Postmester Curtis knew by actual ex perience that great hardship was being being forced on the people by having Fort Benton the only port of entry in the territory and cited several instances that cam under his observation in the postoffice, where many packages of foreign goods were received. Upon motion of Mr. Meyendorff the secretary was instructed to correspond with Delegate Toole, requesting him to memorialize congress to effect the desired change. desired change.

ONE OTHER CHANGE WANTED. A. M. Holter said that the army officers of this territory favor getting the head-quarters of the department at Heiena. They were of the opinion that an effort on the part of the board of trade might be the means of accomplishing the purpose. At present Fort Sneiling, Minnesota, is the headquarters and the territorial army officers would like to see Helena selected.

At this juncture Chairman Davidson was folced to remark: "This business reminds me of the seasick Irishman on board a ship. He was asked what he wanted, a ship. He was asked what he wanted, and replied, 'I want the earth.' "

THE ASSESSMENT LAW. Mr. Holter thought that the present assessment law was an outrage. He recited instances where he had received notices from Jefferson county a few days before the taxes were due, ordering him to pay. He had to do this or permit his property to be sold. As the law stands the assessor may charge what he likes and demand payment. As an illustration he said that

in 1887 the property of the Boulder Valley Fluming company was assessed as \$18,000, and in 1888, without improvements, this was increased to \$73,000. Also he received and in 1805, without improvements, this was increased to \$73,000. Also he received a notice to pay taxes on a saw mill, which was assessed at \$500. Owing to the short time in which the time for payment would arrive, he paid the amount to prevent the sheriff from selling other property of his in the county, but he says the saw mill in question he never owned, and besides, it was removed from the county fourteen years ago. Of course he has begun legal proceedings to recover his money, but he did not think citizens should be put to all this extra expense. His idea for remedying this evil is to have the law changed so that each taxpayer may be furnished an itemized statement of the property for which he is taxed when ordered to pay, also to have these sent out in time to give the receiver of the order an opportunity to correct errors. The taxpayers should have some rights as well as office-holders. As the law now stands, he said, the assessors can charge what they please and the people have no alternative.

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Another law which was considered by the board as defective is the one creating county roads. Commissioners grant the right of way and never have the parties whose property is taken from them properly notified of the action. A case is point was where a piece of property at Boulder belonging to Mr. Holter was taken up for a street and he never knew anything of it for eight months afterwards.

Dr. C. K. Cole thought the matters brought up were of great importance and should receive immediate attention. He suggested that a special committee on legislation be appointed to cover all the questions brought out, and to present the same to the legislature and request that body to consider them and rectify the defects.

R. C. Wailace recommended that the statute of limitation and the mechanic's lien law be brought to the notice of the legislature also as they sadly needed overhauling. Massena Bullard, who was present upon invitation was asked to speak on these matters. While the ground had been pretty well gone over by the preceeding gentlemen he said there was one very important matter which had not been touched upon. This was relative to the taxation of lands and mortgages, which he said needed very careful revision. At present this law is a double taxation. If a man borrows \$1,000 to improve his land, he is compelled to pay the mortgage tax as well as the tax of his land, while the New York capitalist, from whom the money is borrowed is absolutely free from taxation and receives 12 per cent. interest besides. The worst feature of the thing is, that the man who is least able is compelled to pay the double tax. It is a grave wrong, he said, as it hinders building and improving of homes and should be remedied. Mr. Bullard also referred to the matter of titles to Helena real estate, which, he said, under the present acknowledgment act were a source of much annoyance, owing to the defects in the forms of abstracts. It is rarely he said, that an abstract can be

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After the discussion of some minor matters the board adjourned.

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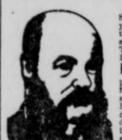
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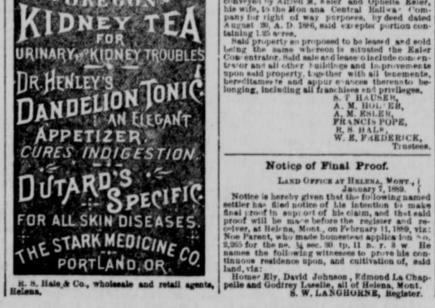
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Jno. W. Eddy, attorney for applicants. First publication Nov. 25, 1888.

Application for a Patent.

U. S. Land Office, Helena, M. T.;
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John A. Hudson, whose postoffice address is Helena, M. T., have this day filed their application for
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or vein bearing gold, etc., with surface ground
six hundred feet in width, situated in Ottawa unor
ganized mining district, county of Lewis and Clarke
andterritory of Montana, and designated by the field
notes and official plat on file in this office as lot
numbers 47 and 108, in township 12, n. ranges 5
and 6 w., respectively, of principal base line and
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cor. No. 1, tol 108, from which the northwast corner to sec. 36, tp. 12, n. r. 6 w., bears n. 7° 51° e.
277 fe t; thence s. 32° 24° w. 564 feet; thence s. 58°
16° e 1018 feet; thence n. 32° 24° e. 60° feet; thence
n. 60° 17° 30° w. 1019 feet to place of beginning,
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is recorded in the recorder's office of Lewis and
Clarke county, n. — book of lodes. The adjoining
claimants are unknown.
S. W. LANGHORNE, Register.
Jno. W. Eddy attorney for applicant.
First publication November 22, 1888.

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No ice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Helena Mining and Reduction company at the office of the said company, to wit: at the parlors of the First National Bank of Helena, in Helena, M. T., on Wedneeday, the 13th day of February, A. D 1889, at 2 o'clock, p. m. for the purpose of submitting to the stockholders of said corporation a proposition to lease a l of the property of said Helena Mining and Reduction company for a period of two years or longer. The property so proposed to be leased is distinctly specified as f llows, to wit:

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